

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003. Enclosed is a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extending the time to respond up to and including today, May 17, 2004.

Claims 1-34 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-34.

Claims 27-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the DynamicAccess® Technology, 3COM Technical Paper, in view of Davis et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,937,160. Further in view of Lennert et al., U.S. Patent 6,055,227.

Claim 27 includes using the location settings where the location settings are selectable during computer startup by the user. None of the cited references include selecting location settings during startup. Contrary to the Examiner's suggestion, selection of the location before use is not equivalent to selection during computer startup. For example, a user could change the configuration after startup has already occurred or change the configuration and then reboot the computer. No discussion in the cited references describe selecting the location during startup. For this reason, claims 27-34 are believed to be allowable and such is respectfully requested.

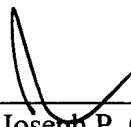
Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dynamic Access® Technology, 3COM Technical Paper, hereinafter Dynamic Access in view of Davis et al., U.S. Patent 5,937,160. The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 1-26 are believed to be allowable since there is believed to be no suggestion to combine the Davis et al., and Dynamic Access® Technology reference.

The appropriate fees are included herewith. The commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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